

# By the King.



**L**Rusty and well beloved, We greet you well: Whereas We understand, That Sir *J. Ham* takes vpon him (without any legall Authority or Power) to issue Warrants to Constables, and other Our Officers, to command them to march with their Arms, and to come into Our Town of *York*, where he hath disarmed divers of them, keeps their Arms, and charges the men: And whereas We are credibly informed, that divers persons, who were lately Colonels, Lieutenant-Colonels, Captains and Officers of trained Bands of this Our County, intend shortly to summon, and indeavour to muster the Forces of this Our County: For as much as by the Law of the Land, none of Our trained Bands are to be raised or mustered, upon any pretence or authority whatsoever, but by a Legall Writ directed to the Sheriff of this County, or by Warrant from the Lord Lieutenant, or Deputy-Lieutenants of this County, appointed and authorized by Commission under Our Great Seal. And whereas there is no Lord Lieutenant or Deputy Lieutenant legally authorized to command the Forces and trained Bands of this Our County of *York*, and the Commissions, Warrants, and Power of all Colonels, Lieutenant-Colonels, Captains and Officers of Our trained Bands, (which were derived from the Commission and Power of the Lord Lieutenant only) are now actually void, and of no Force and Authority. Our Will and Command therefore is, that you forthwith issue Warrants under Our Hand, to all the late Colonels, Lieutenant-Colonels, Captains and Officers, who (whiles the Lord Lieutenants Commission was in Force) had the command of the trained Bands of this Our County: And also to all High and Petty Constables, and other Our Officers, in this Our County, who it may concern, charging and commanding them, and every of them, in Our Name, and upon their Allegiance, and as they tender the Peace of this Our Kingdom, not to Mustre, Leavie, or Raife, or to Summon, or VVarn (upon any Pretence or Directions whatsoever) any of Our trained Bands to Rise, Muster, or March, without expresse Warrant under Our Hand, or Warrant from you Our Sheriff grounded upon a particular Writ to that purpose; which VVe also command you, not to put in Execution without Our Privy and Allowance, whiles VVe shall reside in this Our County. And in case any of Our trained Bands shall rise, or gather together, contrary to this Our command, Then VVe will assign you to charge and require them, to dissolve, and retire to their dwellings. And in case they shall refuse to do so, they shall not lay down their Arms, and depart to their dwellings: VVe will and command you, upon your Allegiance, and as you tender the Peace and quiet of this Our Kingdom, to raise the Power of the County, and suppress the same, as the Law hath directed and given you Power to do. And to the end that this Our Command may be notified to all Our good Subjects in this Our County, so that they may not pretend hereafter to have been misled through ignorance; VVe require you to publish our Letters to be forthwith read, and published openly in all Churches and public places in this Our Countie. Herein you may not fail, as you tender the safety and happiness of Our Person, the good and peace of this Our Kingdom, and will answer the contrary to the peril. For which this shall be your sufficient Warrant.

Given at our Court  
the fifth day of May, in the eighteenth year  
of Our R.

To Our trusty and welbeloved high  
Sheriffe of Our County of York.

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Majestie: And by the Assignes of JOHN BILL. 1642.